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SUBJ: JULY 25 MEETING OF PERMANENT DELEGATIONS ON 1975

WORK PROGRAM OF OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

REFS: A. PARIS 16669; B. BENGELSDORF-KRAMISH TELCON,

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BEGIN SUMMARY CONFIRMING TELCON USOECD MAY DRAW ON U.S.

POSITION PAPER CONCERNING 1975 PROGRAM IN COURSE OF JULY 25 MEETING OF SECRETARIAT AND PERM DELS. THE POINTS CONTAINED THEREIN SHOULD BE AMPLIFIED OR ALTERED TO REFLECT FOLLOWING: END SUMMARY.

1. WE WISH TO RESERVE THE POSITION OF THE USG CONCERNING THE PROPRIETY OF APPLYING ANY CUTS TO THE BUDGET OF THE ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE UNTIL WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE OVERALL OECD BUDGET TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IDEAS BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE OECD MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONSULTATIONS ON JULY 25 NECESSARILY WILL COVER THE SUBJECT OF DESIRED RELATIVE PRIORITIES WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. THUS, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE PROJECTS LIKE THE PROPOSED STUDY ON EMPLOYMENT AND PRICES, AND THE COMPARATIVE EXAMINATION OF GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY COOPERATION CAN BE

DEFERRED. WE ALSO BELIEVE SOME MINOR CUTS COULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE URBAN SECTOR IF USOECD AND OTHER DELS CAN BE ASSURED THAT THIS WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE URBAN PROGRAM TO WHICH WE CONTINUE TO ASCRIBE SOME IMPORTANCE. PENDING THIS ANALYSIS, U.S. DEL SHOULD AVOID TABLING THE PROPOSALS FAVORING NEW URBAN INITIATIVES THAT APPEAR IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF PAGE 7 OF THE U.S. POSITION PAPER.

3. OVERALL MISSION SHOULD ADVISE THE SECRETARIAT, AS HAVE THE CANADIANS, THAT HEREAFTER WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT SHOWS THE RELATIVE EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO VARIOUS EFFORTS. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CAN NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE EXPECTED TO MAKE JUDGMENTS CONCERNING THE TOTAL ALLOCATION OF OECD FUNDS, IT SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE PROVIDED WITH MORE DETAILS AS TO HOW THE FUNDS BEING APPORTIONED TO THE ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE ARE BEING ALLOCATED BY MAJOR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.

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